



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 03327.2333-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Yasuhiro OKUMOTO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1792
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Application No.: 10/539,246)	
)	Examiner: Empie, Nathan H.
Filed: May 9, 2006)	
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For: PROCESSING METHOD AND)	Confirmation No.: 9261
PROCESSING APPARATUS)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed December 3, 2008 and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed December 23, 2008, the period for response which extends through February 3, 2009, Applicants file concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper and begin on page 2.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.